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something bad happened and they were not apprised of it, and they think somebody should have saved them from that. In this bill, there are many possibilities of negative things happening. While we, who want to see some safeguards put in the bill are being told on the one hand that this is a good bill, it's going to do great things for the public; on the other hand we're told, but don't do anything to protect the public. Well, if I have 6 people in this Chamber out of the 49 and they are very paranoid, and the only thing that will make it possible for them to leave this Chamber and function is to put on a bulletproof vest, put a bulletproof bucket on their head, bulletproof shoes, socks, underwear, and everything. Then they can leave the Chamber and go about their business. I don't believe anybody is going to be out there shooting at them, but what is the harm in letting them attire themselves in such a manner that they can function in this world and do the things that they have to do, if they can withstand the ridicule, laughter, and other things that go along with it. But they might say, I would rather be a live individual ridiculed than a dead would-be hero. So let them have their bulletproof bucket on their head, bulletproof vest, in other words, iron clothes like they used to wear during the days of the Knights and the "Knightsesses". If Senator Kristensen is sure, and if Senator Bruning is sure that this bill, if passed in its present form, is going to do nothing but good, what is harmed by those of us who don't agree being given the opportunity to add some amendments. I am going to support the amendment that Senator Beutler has before us at this point, but I will not speak again on it. But when something else comes before us, I will have some additional things to say.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion of the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, again, all this amendment does is add a public notice provision so that the public can have some possible notice of the annual meeting that deals with the Universal Service Fund and the setting of the fund level. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 686. All in favor vote